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**Judge Peter J. Panuthos receives Janet Spragens Pro Bono Award from American Bar Association Section of Taxation**

WASHINGTON, March 25, 2014 — The American Bar Association Section of Taxation presented its annual Janet Spragens Pro Bono Award to Peter J. Panuthos, the chief special trial judge for the United States Tax Court, during the section's 2014 Midyear Meeting in Phoenix.

The Janet Spragens Pro Bono Award, named after the late American University Law professor who greatly contributed to ensuring representation for low-income taxpayers, is presented each year to a lawyer or law firm that has demonstrated outstanding and sustained commitment to pro bono legal services, particularly with respect to federal and state tax law.

"For many years now, Judge Panuthos has been the driving force behind the Calendar Call program," said Michael Hirschfeld, section chair. "Judge Panuthos has worked tirelessly to ensure that taxpayers without legal representation have the opportunity to speak to pro bono attorneys in all 75 cities where the Tax Court schedules calendar calls."

The Section of Taxation Pro Bono Award Committee Chair Armando Gomez added, "Chief Special Trial Judge Panuthos has made extraordinary contributions to the Tax Court's efforts to increase access to the court system for all taxpayers. Panuthos is a dedicated public servant, and he continues to champion the ideals of fairness and justice within the Tax Court system."

The American Bar Association [Section of Taxation](#) is the largest professional association of tax lawyers, with approximately 23,000 members nationwide. Its goals include helping taxpayers better understand their rights and obligations under the tax laws and working to achieve a simplified tax system that is equitable and efficient.

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